

**Memorandum to the Circuit Court Regarding
A Trial Reunification**

☐ **Initiation of Trial Reunification**
☐ **Termination of Trial Reunification**

Date:
To: Circuit Court Judge
From: Case Worker

Re: Child Name
Child's DOB
Court Case Number

A trial reunification is an assessment of the appropriateness of a permanent reunification of a child in an out-of-home placement. During this time, the child remains under a dispositional order placing the child in out-of-home care and the child remains under court-ordered supervision.

☐ The agency will be initiating a trial reunification of child's name with name of parent/caregiver from whom the child was removed. The trial reunification will begin on date. The trial reunification is anticipated to end on date. This Trial Reunification will be supported and monitored under the terms of a completed In-Home Safety Plan for cases filed under Chapter 48 cases, or a similar plan for cases filed under Chapter 938, that was developed with input from interested individuals including the child, parent, foster parents, legal counsel and service providers. The requirements of the In-Home Safety Plan include scheduled face-to-face or other contacts by agency staff with the child and family, staff contact with other providers involved with family, and provision of services to support the child, the child's family, and the foster family. The plan for Chapter 938 cases will address similar issues and the issue of community safety.

Narration box

- ☐ Child/Juvenile has no siblings.
- ☐ Child/Juvenile has siblings currently residing in the home.
- ☐ Siblings of the child/juvenile also placed in out-of-home care are included in this trial reunification.
- ☐ No other siblings are included in this trial reunification.

☐ The agency is reunifying child's name with name of parent/caregiver from whom the child was removed. The trial reunification

ended or is anticipated to end on date, and a Change of Placement is being filed concurrent with this memorandum.

____ The agency is ending a trial reunification of child's name with name of parent/caregiver from whom the child was removed. The trial reunification began on date. The trial reunification ended or is anticipated to end on date. Name of child is being returned to identify out of home placement or is being placed in an alternative out-of-home placement: name of placement. This trial reunification was ended for the following reasons: *Narration box*

Signature:
Pre-fill with name of Caseworker

Signature:
Pre-fill with name of Supervisor

cc: *Any of the following that are appropriate to the case*
Parent/Caregiver
Child's GAL
Child's Counsel
Parent's Counsel
District Attorney/Corporation Counsel
Court Appointed Special Advocate
Out-of Home Care Provider
Indian Custodian
Indian Tribe